



LIGHTNING FALL CLASSIC – 2020 RULES

1. 2022 age eligibility applies. Please submit rosters by Wednesday, September 15th.
2. Roster:
 - a. Max 15 players.
 - b. First name, last name, jersey #, birthdate and phone number (for contact tracing) must be included.
 - c. Birth certificates do not need to be submitted, but must be available upon request.
 - d. Submitted by Wednesday, September 15th.
3. Each team is responsible for their own insurance. Proof of insurance must be submitted before first game. The Lightning Fall Classic, the Town of Amherst, and the Amherst Girls Softball League assumes no responsibility for insurance or injury.
4. In general, ASA rules apply except where altered below.
5. Teams may bat the bench. If a player is injured or cannot take her at-bat, it will be recorded as an out.
6. Courtesy runners for Pitcher and Catcher only. The last recorded out or a bench sub may be used.
7. During pool play, home team will be determined by coin flip. During bracket play, home team will be the higher seed.
8. **Text scores to 518-796-9401 after each game.** Include Time, Field #, and Score. If neither team texts a score for the game, it will be recorded as a 0-7 loss for both teams.
9. Time limits:
 - a. Pool play games will be 80 minutes (finish the inning). No new inning can start after 80 minutes.
 - b. If the game is tied after 7 innings and the 80-minute timer has not expired, the international tie-breaker will be played. International tie-breaker is subject to the same time limits above (finish the inning after 80 minutes).
 - c. Pool play games can end in a tie.
 - d. Bracket play games (except championship) will be 80 minutes, finish the inning. Bracket play games cannot end in a tie. If a bracket play game is still tied after 80 minutes, the game will go into international tie-breaker for the next inning regardless of how many innings have been played (i.e. the "6th" inning may be the start of the tie-breaker).
 - e. Championship Games will have no time limit.
10. Mercy rule:
 - a. 12 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5
11. NO protests. Umpire decisions are final.
12. Seeding:
 - a. Teams will be seeded based on win/loss record. Ties in win/loss record will be determined by the following:
 - i. Head to Head record (only if all affected teams have played each other)
 - ii. Fewest Runs Allowed
 - iii. Run Differential (Capped at 10 runs per game)
 - iv. Coin Flip
13. Metal cleats are allowed in both age groups.

Rain Policy: Because of unrecoverable expenses of a fall tournament, if the tournament is completely rained out, only ½ of entry fee shall be refunded. If any part of any game is played, there will be NO refund. In the event of rain, the tournament director reserves the right to re-schedule the games in any fashion, including shortening of games and or eliminating games.